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Letter dated 6 February 2013 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour of writing to you regarding a letter dated 23 January 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2013/49).

The Government of the Republic of Uganda has noted with dismay the allegations made in the aforementioned letter, more so the accusation that, "the Government of Uganda has continued its obstructive role to the peace process in Sudan." To the contrary, the Government of the Republic of Uganda has continued to promote regional cooperation, peace, security and stability under the auspices of such regional and international frameworks as the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, the African Union and the United Nations.

The Government of the Republic of Uganda was one of the guarantors to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the Sudan and South Sudan, and fully supports the ongoing efforts by the African Union High-level Implementation Panel to resolve the outstanding issues relating to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

On 16 January 2013 the Government of the Republic of the Sudan, through the Embassy of Uganda in Khartoum, conveyed its concerns to the Government of the Republic of Uganda regarding a meeting of Sudanese political opposition groups that was held in Kampala on 5 January 2013. This matter was subsequently investigated. On 22 January 2013 the Government of the Republic of Uganda officially communicated through the Embassy of the Sudan in Kampala, providing assurances that said meeting was neither organized, authorized nor sponsored by the Government of the Republic of Uganda, as alleged.

Under the existing bilateral mechanisms, including the Joint Ministerial Commission, the Permanent Secretaries and Intelligence Chiefs forums, the two countries have been holding meetings to resolve issues of concern. Indeed, a joint meeting of senior Government officials is scheduled for mid-February 2013.

It is surprising, therefore, that the Government of the Republic of the Sudan has disregarded the existing bilateral mechanisms and taken up this matter with the Security Council. The Government of the Republic of Uganda, as Chair of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, is committed to the full implementation of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great

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Lakes Region, that provides for peaceful settlement of disputes, as enshrined in chapter VI, article 28 of the Pact, as well as other regional and international instruments.

The Government of the Republic of Uganda reiterates its commitment to maintaining friendly and brotherly relations with the Government of the Republic of the Sudan.

You are kindly requested to circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) John L. **Mugerwa**
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